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Dear Judiciary Committee,

You must oppose S.B. 16: AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

While it has become clear that we have a rising crime problem in CT, this crime is not the result of Connecticut's legal gun owners. Trying to outlaw new classes of firearms will have zero effect on actual crime. These crimes are being conducted almost exclusively with handguns, which are already strictly regulated. These criminals are not Carry Permit holders, they are criminals, illegally carrying handguns. We need to start prosecuting these crimes, rather than inventing new crimes. With little to no consequences for criminal there is no disincentive for them not to be repeat offenders. It is obvious to a lot of us, unfortunately not to all, that restrictive laws regarding firearms only affect law abiding citizens. To think that those who repeatedly break the law will not break new laws is difficult for one to comprehend.

Some of the sections in this bill border on ludicrous. Just one example in order to keep this testimony short- Firearms dealers, i.e. FFLs are already aggressively overseen by federal regulations and the ATF. Adding a new layer of state regulation on top of that will provide no safety benefit, will increase bureaucracy, delays, and costs to everyone. I hope that the judiciary committee will oppose this bill.

In addition, I also oppose H.B. No. 5416- AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.S. No. 388- AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415-AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412- AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Respectfully,

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